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SUMMARY FOR 1988

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1988, the production of titanium ingot totaled 85.7 million pounds, an increase of 15 percent from the 74.4 million pounds in 1987. Also, the consumption of ingot in 1988 increased 10 percent from the 71.1 million pounds reported in 1987 to 78.4 million pounds. For 1987, the net shipments of mill products totaled 49.7 million pounds,

an 11-percent increase from the 1987 figure of 44.6 million pounds. Casting shipments totaled 1.2 million pounds which was a 28-percent increase over the 949 thousand pounds reported in 1987.

The statistics in this publication are based on a survey of manufacturers and represents the total U.S. shipment of titanium ingot mill products and castings. A description of the survey methodology and related information appears on page 4.

NOTICE: Effective 1989, the Bureau of the Census will no longer conduct this survey. Any further inquiries should be directed to Mr. Langtry Lynd, Bureau of the Mines, 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20241, (202) 634-1073.

Table 1. NET SHIPMENTS OF TITANIUM MILL PRODUCTS: 1988 AND 1987

(Thousands of pounds)

Product description	Total		First quarter		Second quarter		Third quarter		Fourth quarter	
	Net shipments	Inventories	Net shipments	Inventories	Net shipments	Inventories	Net shipments	Inventories	Net shipments	Inventories
1988										
Total ¹	49,732	(X)	11,893	1,551	13,330	2,001	11,706	1,975	12,803	1,844
Sheet and strip.....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Plate.....										
Forging and extrusion billet.....	23,576	(X)	5,828	978	6,681	1,244	4,953	1,198	6,114	1,141
Rod and bar.....	7,779	(X)	1,780	330	1,981	517	1,930	540	2,088	452
Fastener stock and wire.....	18,377	(X)	4,285	243	4,668	240	4,823	237	4,601	251
Extrusion.....										
Pipe and tubing.....										
Other.....										
1987										
Total ¹	44,572	(X)	11,007	896	11,775	933	10,503	997	11,287	1,002
Sheet and strip.....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Plate.....										
Forging and extrusion billet.....	24,181	(X)	6,051	344	6,362	356	5,646	410	6,122	449
Rod and bar.....	6,464	(X)	1,489	359	1,637	381	1,687	327	1,651	317
Fastener stock and wire.....	13,927	(X)	3,467	193	3,776	196	3,170	260	3,514	236
Extrusion.....										
Pipe and tubing.....										
Other.....										

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Net shipments is the sum of product shipments less mill products consumed in the manufacture of fabricated products, less total receipts.

² Data for sheet and strip, plate, extrusion (other than tubing), pipe and tubing, and other have been combined to avoid disclosing individual company data.

Table 2. TITANIUM INGOT, MILL PRODUCTS, AND CASTINGS: 1988 AND 1987

(Thousands of pounds)

Quarter and year	Ingot					Mill products			Castings	
	Pro- duction	Receipts	Ship- ments	Con- sumption	Ending inventories	Pro- duction	Receipts	Net ship- ments ¹	Pro- duction	Ship- ments
1988										
Total ²	85,663	19,078	26,381	78,388	(X)	61,371	10,055	49,732	2,872	1,210
Fourth quarter.....	21,304	4,370	6,315	19,013	8,671	16,165	2,301	12,803	553	228
Third quarter.....	20,671	4,643	6,038	18,996	8,368	15,052	2,522	11,706	659	225
Second quarter.....	22,454	4,831	7,747	19,556	8,177	14,967	1,963	13,330	835	304
First quarter.....	21,234	5,234	6,281	20,823	8,228	15,187	3,269	11,893	825	453
1987										
Total ²	74,432	16,605	19,223	71,122	(X)	52,537	10,080	44,572	2,915	949
Fourth quarter.....	19,681	3,683	5,275	16,458	8,917	13,340	2,342	11,287	802	278
Third quarter.....	18,822	4,774	4,478	18,820	7,340	12,601	2,318	10,503	754	239
Second quarter.....	18,170	4,014	5,229	17,938	7,042	13,965	2,849	11,775	727	221
First quarter.....	17,759	4,134	4,241	17,906	7,901	12,631	2,571	11,007	632	211

(X) Not applicable.

¹See footnote 1, table 1.²Inventories for the year are those shown for the fourth quarter.

Table 3. NET SHIPMENTS, EXPORTS, IMPORTS, AND APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF TITANIUM INGOT, MILL PRODUCTS, AND CASTINGS: 1988 AND 1987

(Quantity in thousands of pounds)

Product description	Manufacturers' net shipments	Exports of domestic merchandise ^{1 2}	Percent exports to manufacturers' net shipments	Imports for consumption ^{1 3}	Apparent consumption ⁴	Percent imports to apparent consumption
1988						
Total.....	76,545	10,961	14	2,335	67,919	3
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	50,389	5,056	10	524	45,857	1
Titanium mill products.....	26,156	5,905	23	1,811	22,062	8
FOURTH QUARTER						
Total.....	19,008	2,410	13	696	17,294	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	12,320	895	7	283	11,708	2
Titanium mill products.....	6,688	1,515	23	413	5,586	7
THIRD QUARTER						
Total.....	18,286	3,157	17	574	15,703	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	11,533	1,878	16	183	9,838	2
Titanium mill products.....	6,753	1,279	19	391	5,865	7
SECOND QUARTER						
Total.....	21,076	2,893	14	590	18,773	3
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	14,427	1,140	8	33	13,320	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	6,649	1,753	26	557	5,453	10
FIRST QUARTER						
Total.....	18,175	2,501	14	475	16,149	3
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	12,109	1,143	9	25	10,991	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	6,066	1,358	22	450	5,158	9
1987						
Total.....	63,795	9,850	15	1,981	55,926	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	43,404	5,880	14	91	37,615	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	20,391	3,970	19	1,890	18,311	10
FOURTH QUARTER						
Total.....	16,562	2,676	16	521	14,407	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	11,397	1,764	15	18	9,651	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	5,165	912	18	503	4,756	11
THIRD QUARTER						
Total.....	14,981	2,602	17	497	12,876	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	10,124	1,324	13	25	8,825	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	4,857	1,278	26	472	4,051	12
SECOND QUARTER						
Total.....	17,004	2,402	14	557	15,159	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	11,591	1,463	13	29	10,157	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	5,413	939	17	528	5,002	11
FIRST QUARTER						
Total.....	15,248	2,170	14	406	13,484	3
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ⁵	10,292	1,329	13	19	8,982	(2)
Titanium mill products.....	4,956	841	17	387	4,502	9

(2) Less than one-half of 1 percent.

¹For comparison of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, Schedule B export numbers, and TSUSA import numbers, see table 4.²Source: Bureau of the Census report FT446, U.S. Exports.³Source: Bureau of the Census report FT246, U.S. Imports for Consumption.⁴Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from the total of net shipments plus imports.⁵Comparability of output, export, and import classifications for ingot and billet assume that blown, sheet bar, and slab are reported as ingot or billet in the output codes. Figures for imports of ingot and billet also include powder, crystal, and similar forms which are excluded from the output and export codes.

Table 4. COMPARISON OF STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) CODES, SCHEDULE B EXPORT NUMBERS, AND TSUSA IMPORT NUMBERS

Product code	Product description	Export number	Product description	Import number	Product description
33562 74 ¹	Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet	630.6520	Titanium ingots, billets blooms, sheet bars, and slabs	² 629.1460	Unwrought titanium metal, except sponge
33562 79	Titanium mill products	630.6570	Wrought titanium metal including alloys (excludes sponge ingots, billets blooms, sheet bars, slab, waste and scrap)	629.2000	Wrought titanium metal, including alloys (excludes waste, scrap, and unwrought metal

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DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY

Scope of Survey. This survey covers companies engaged in producing titanium ingot, mill products, and castings.

Survey Methodology. The statistics in this publication are collected by mail on Bureau of the Census quarterly Form ITA991, Titanium Metal. The panel for this survey includes all known producers of titanium ingot, mill products, and castings, approximately 48 companies.

Survey Error. Figures for the current quarter include estimates for panel members for which reports were not received in time for tabulation. Such missing figures are "imputed" based on quarter-to-quarter movements shown by reporting firms. Imputation generally is limited to a maximum of 10 percent for any one data cell. Figures with imputation rates greater than 10 percent are footnoted.

The imputation rate is not an explicit indicator of the potential error in published figures due to nonresponse because the actual quarterly movements for nonrespondents may or may not closely agree with the imputed movements. The probable range of difference between the actual and imputed figures is not precisely known but is assumed to be small. The degree of uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the published data, however, increases as the percentage of imputation increases. Figures with imputation rates above 10 percent should be used with caution.

Revisions to Previous Period Data. Data may be revised as the result of corrected figures received from respondents or other corrections. Figures which have been revised by more than 5 percent from previously published figures are indicated by footnotes.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Gross Shipments of Mill Products. Represents mill shapes shipped between producers plus mill shapes consumed in the production of fabricated products such as forgings.

Net Shipments of Mill Products. Represents gross shipments less receipts. For detail categories, net shipments also includes consumption in the manufacture of other mill shapes.

Sheet and Strip. Flat roll mill products with thickness less than or equal to .187 inch.

Plate. Flat roll mill products with thickness exceeding .187 inch and greater than 10 inches wide.

Forging and Extrusion Billet. Rounds, squares, and rectangles with a cross-sectional area greater than or equal to 16 square inches and width less than 5 times thickness.

Rod and Bar. Rounds greater than 1/2 inch diameter and less than or equal to 4 1/2 inches in diameter. Squares with cross-sections less than 16 square inches. Rectangles with widths less than or equal to 10 inches and thickness less than 3/16 and cross-sectional area less than 16 inches square.

Fastener Stock and Wire. Rounds with diameter less than or equal to 1/2 inch.

Extrusions (Other Than Tubing). Any product of any shape, except pipe and tubing, produced by forcing heated metal through a die.

Pipe and Tubing. All seamless and welded pipe and tubing.

Ingot. Includes direct casting of extrusion billet and other similar products.

Stocks. Equal to the end of the prior period plus production and receipts for the current period, minus consumption and shipments.

COMPARISON OF EXPORT, IMPORT, AND DOMESTIC OUTPUT DATA

The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system used for domestic output and the statistical export and import commodity classifications were developed independently. This results in considerable difficulty in comparing the three types of data for many commodity areas. The domestic output classification is based on type of industry; on the other hand, the export and import classification system is more materials oriented. Also, there are a substantial number of imported commodities which have no comparable domestic output classification. The relationships shown in this report should be considered only as approximations, since, in addition to the problems mentioned above, there are also the following problems affecting the comparability of the three sets of data.

Valuation. There are different methods of valuation for the three types of data:

- **Domestic Output.** Valued at the point of production. It includes the net sales price, f.o.b. plant, after discounts and allowances, exclusive of freight charges and excise taxes.

- **Exports.** Valued at the point of exportation. It includes the selling price, or cost if not sold, and inland freight, insurance and other charges to the export point.

Estimated producers' values of exports have also been developed. These values more closely approximate the values reported for domestic output because they exclude freight, insurance, and other charges applied from the producing plant to the export point.

- **Imports.** Valued at the first port of entry in the United States. It includes c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight), duty, and other charges to the import point.

Duplication in Quantity and Value of Output. Because producers' shipments of some commodities may be used as materials for incorporation into other commodities, combinations of data for such commodities may contain a certain amount of duplication. Thus, percentages of exports to output or imports to apparent consumption (output plus imports minus exports) at four-digit or broader levels may be understated. Where duplication is known to be substantial, the output data are appropriately noted in the table.

Low-Value Import and Export Transactions. Detailed commodity information is not included for individual export shipments valued at not more than \$1,500. Generally, detailed commodity information is not included for individual import shipments valued at more than \$1,000. For textiles and textile products, gloves, footwear, and miscellaneous rubber and plastics products, detailed commodity information is not included for individual import shipments valued at not more than \$250. This is believed to have only negligible effects on the statistics for the bulk of the commodities.

Manufacturers' Shipments, Not Specified by Kind. The value of manufacturers' shipments at the four-digit industry level often includes a small amount which is not distributed among the individual five-digit product classes. Export and import percentages at the more detailed levels might, therefore, be slightly overstated.

Time Lag Between Output and Exports. There will be a lag between the time a commodity is produced or shipped by the producer and the time it is actually exported, especially when intermediaries (wholesalers, exporters, etc.) are involved. Ordinarily, this type of discrepancy is insignificant in annual figures.

"Direct" vs "Total" Commodity Exports and Imports.

Export and import data do not include materials which are incorporated into other more finished products and exported or imported in finished form. Thus, by showing only direct exports and imports, the relation of exports to output and imports to apparent consumption for intermediate products is considerably understated.

Used Commodities. With a few exceptions, used or rebuilt commodities are classified in the same import or export codes as is new merchandise. Percentages are thus overstated to the extent that used or rebuilt products are significant in trade.

Geographic Area of Coverage. Import and export data reflect the movement of merchandise into and out of U.S. foreign trade zones, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. customs territory (includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico).

HISTORICAL NOTE

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